

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 435

By Trail

A RESOLUTION to commend Ms. Lisa Boaz for exemplary service as a legislative intern for Senator Larry Trail.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Boaz is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Larry Trail; Lisa's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Senator Trail, his Legislative Assistant, Craig Dulniak, and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded not only by her peers, but by the faculty and administration as well, Lisa has achieved academic success while majoring in History, minoring in Political Science and Secondary Education, and maintaining an active affiliation with the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society and the Maury County Democrats; during her tenure at MTSU, she has utilized the experience she garnered as she completed her Associate's Degree at Columbia State Community College; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ohio, Ms. Boaz, the daughter of Hal and Sandie Boaz, moved with her family to Tennessee in time for her to graduate from Spring Hill High School in 1999; and

WHEREAS, committed to family values of the highest order, Lisa has demonstrated her affection for the youngest generation of the Boaz family; she is the enthusiastic and adoring aunt of her first niece, Hannah, who was born to proud parents Bart and Megan Boaz on Wednesday, March 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Boaz brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Lisa has experienced the many facets of life at the Tennessee General Assembly, including committee meetings, sub-committee meetings, Democratic Caucus meetings, Senate and House floor sessions, and legislative receptions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boaz tirelessly compiled the proper bills, bill summaries, fiscal notes, and amendments for committee meetings and floor sessions in each appropriate Expand-O-File; and

WHEREAS, Lisa also had the opportunity to make the acquaintance of numerous outstanding Tennesseans, such as Governor Phil Bredesen, Speaker Jimmy Naifeh, Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder, Congressman Lincoln Davis, Mr. Jerry Winters, Mrs. Lara Green, and Mr. Patrick Smith, as well as enjoying the camaraderie of her fellow interns and the staff, and members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boaz was also afforded those once in a lifetime opportunities that can only be enjoyed by a legislative intern, including an excursion to the Tennessee State Prison, presentations by numerous qualified speakers at the regular Friday intern meetings, the First Annual Jack Daniels Friends and Neighbors dinner, many receptions at which she had occasion

to meet and converse with prominent Tennesseans, and several Capitol tours guided by the distinguished Tootie Haskins; and

WHEREAS, Lisa nobly donated money or food to supporters of every cause who solicited in the Legislative Plaza during her internship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boaz always exhibited the proper appreciation for any food that was freely given to the legislators, staff, and interns; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Lisa Boaz has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; Senator Trail has even stated that “She will make a man very happy one day because she makes good tea”; and

WHEREAS, Lisa was selected as the 2003 recipient of the Senator Carl O. Koella, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, which is given to a legislative intern who has exhibited outstanding scholastic performance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boaz’s outstanding work and tremendous dedication will place her in good stead as she begins her final semesters at Middle Tennessee State University and in her potential pursuit of an elected public office; and

WHEREAS, Lisa has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum that are worthy of the recognition of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Lisa Boaz for her outstanding service as the esteemed legislative intern to Senator Larry Trail, expressing to her our deepest appreciation and wishing her every good thing in life and success in all her future efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.